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Bay Breeze



'Tis the season to be social

Living in a lifestyle resort like ours means loads of opportunity to get social

Over the back fence

The Palm Lake Group is one big 10,000-strong 'family' - find out what your counterparts are up to in our new regular series

Refer a friend, earn a reward

Do you know someone looking to make the move here? Refer them, for fast cash



Welcome.

Happy New Year to you all!

2024 has begun, and it's certainly started with a heatwave for us. We are not used to this muggy weather, that's for sure. From dry and brown grass all across Hervey Bay in December to rain, rain and more rain! Now the grounds staff are having trouble catching up! Grass (and weeds) will not stop growing just because it's raining or it's the weekend, so Max has been doing an amazing job at keeping it all contained. Thank you to those who have had the patience to allow Max to do what he needed to do to get it all done. He is on his own, as we said farewell to Justin earlier than expected. Hopefully by the time this newsletter is published, we will have our new groundsperson onboard.

We enjoyed lots of memorable activities and events over the Christmas period. How good was our choir, by the way? Well done to all those who participated - you were really good!

Australia Day also was a great hit. Everyone loved the luncheon spread - very 'old school' and appropriate for the celebration. Thanks to Jan Street, our resort's Social Director, and her helpers for putting this day together. Jan, you do such a wonderful job around the grounds and you always do it with a smile and a laugh. We appreciate you so much.

Sales traditionally pick up as we move into any New Year and we do have the best over-50s community in Hervey Bay so why wouldn't prospective homeowners want to come and live here, especially with all the fun and friendly neighbours who make our newcomers feel very welcome! If you know someone who has been talking about joining us, make sure you refer them to our Sales Office. Did you know that you can score a \$250 cash incentive if your friend buys a home here? It's easy money! And if those friends are anything like you guys, we know they'll fit in just fine - we look forward to hearing more about your referrals.

Enjoy the read (and the photos!) everyone.

Until next time,

Bryce Fellows and Tracey Bekkers (and Jack),
Palm Lake Resort Hervey Bay Caretakers

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News in brief.



This is Your Time

The Summer 2023-24 edition of our company magazine, This is Your Time, is circulating the country. Have you seen a copy yet? In it, we keep you up to date on all things Palm Lake Group including progress on our newest communities at Yamba Cove, Pelican Waters, Paynesville and more. Did you also hear that we won two statewide construction industry awards? We're proud of the communities we build and manage - and with 10,000 people calling a Palm Lake address home, there's a lot of news from around the grounds. If you are yet to see a hard copy, you can also read our company magazine online at palllakeresort.com.au

Homeowner experts in their field

If you're looking to join one of our special interest groups, or need more information about getting involved in a resort sport or hobby, here are the homeowners who can point you in the right direction:

Anything Music Col Miller (Home 73)
Aqua Aerobics Pat Wilson (Home 201)
Art Irene van Anholt (Home 124)
Bingo Gail Davidson (Home 127)
Bowls (Indoor) Gay & Dennis Alcoe (Home 101)
Bowls (Outdoor) Liz Kelly (Home 26)
Card Making Gai Clark (Home 7) and Lillian Smillie (Home 116)
Cards Shirley Brown (Home 84)
Cards (Texas Hold' Em) Bob Caldwell (Home 42)
Cards (Hand & Foot) Bev Goodall (Home 93)
Community BBQ Lindsay Forsyth (Home 93)
Golf Ron Dupuy (Home 107) and Steve Hart (Home 176)
Gym John Clough (Home 121)
Health and Strengthening Joan Staddon (Home 155)
Line Dancing Ron Henson (Home 6) and Fran Shaw (Home 32)
Library Marion Myers (Home 162)
Mahjong Prue Lovell (Home 131)
PLACES (Palm Lake Art & Cultural Events) Ken & Wendy Beikoff (Home 60)
Sewing/Craft Yvonne Loughlin (Home 149), Bronwyn Colgate (Home 200)
Table Tennis Sue Baumann (Home 40)
Tai-Chi Jacqui Mulheran (Home 125) and Shirley Brown, (Home 84)
Tennis Peter Cooper (Home 110)
Walking Aerobics Suzanne Herrington (Home 119) and Denise McGrath, (Home 143)
Walking Group David Halliday (Home 123)
Workshop Lindsay Forsyth (Home 93)

Weekly activities.

MONDAY

8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9 - 11am Beginners' line dancing, Dance floor
9 - 9.45am Aqua aerobics with Bec
9am Lawn bowls
1 - 4pm Sewing/craft, Craft room
2.30 - 3.30pm Tai chi/Qigong, Dance floor
5.30 - 7.30pm Tennis
6pm Indoor bowls

TUESDAY

7 - 8am Gym class with Cat, in the Gym
7.30am Tennis
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9 - 10am Chair yoga with Lesley, Dance floor
9.30 - 11.30am Art class with Robyn, Long Room
12.30pm Lunch
1.30 - 3.30pm Mah-jong, Dining Room
6 - 8pm Line dancing, Dance floor
6.15pm Lawn bowls (nominated pairs)

WEDNESDAY

7.30am Walking group, near Aqua-Vue Cafe
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9.30 - 11am Tai chi/Qigong, Dance floor
11am - 3pm Cards (Hand & Foot), Bistro
1 - 3.30pm Knitting, Craft Room
3.15 - 4.15pm Health & strengthening, Dance floor
5pm Night tennis

THURSDAY

7 - 8am Gym class with Cat, in the Gym
7.30am Tennis
7.45am Lawn bowls (Scroungers + Kelly's)
8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9 - 9.45am Aqua aerobics with Bec
9am - 12noon Card making, Long Room
12noon - 2pm Art class with Robyn, Long Room
1.30 - 4pm Bingo, Dining Room
5.30pm Homeowners' dinner

FRIDAY

6.30am for 7am Golf at Hervey Bay Golf Club
8.30 - 10.30am Table tennis, Pool alfresco area
9.30 - 10.30am Golf group, Bistro lounge area
3pm Lawn bowls

SATURDAY

8.15 - 8.45am Walking aerobics, Dance floor
9.30am - 12.30pm Anything musical, Dining room
1pm Lawn bowls

SUNDAY

7 - 8am Gym class (homeowner instructor)
1 - 6pm Cards (various games), Dining room/bistro
4pm onwards Community barbecue on the last Sunday of the month, Pool barbecue area



CONGRATS
TO OUR
BOWLING
BEST!



Bowls Club 2023 wrap up.

THE PALM LAKE RESORT HERVEY BAY BOWLS CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS CERTAINLY CELEBRATED WELL IN DECEMBER.

Eighty bowlers and partners enjoyed the evening with good food and drinks on tap. There was also a very nice Christmas hamper up for grabs, donated by Chris Hudson from Hervey Bay Screens and Blinds. Sonja Goldsbury was the lucky winner.

Trophies were presented to our Bowls Club Championship winners and OBEs were given to those bowlers who marked their 80th birthdays during the year, including Robert Leng, pictured above.

Here are our top trophy recipients from the event, pictured left, from top down:

Pairs champions: Bob and Sue

Singles champion: David

Triples champions: Patrick, Tony and Roy

Fours champions: Rosemarie, Graeme, Jan and Ash (absent from the photo)



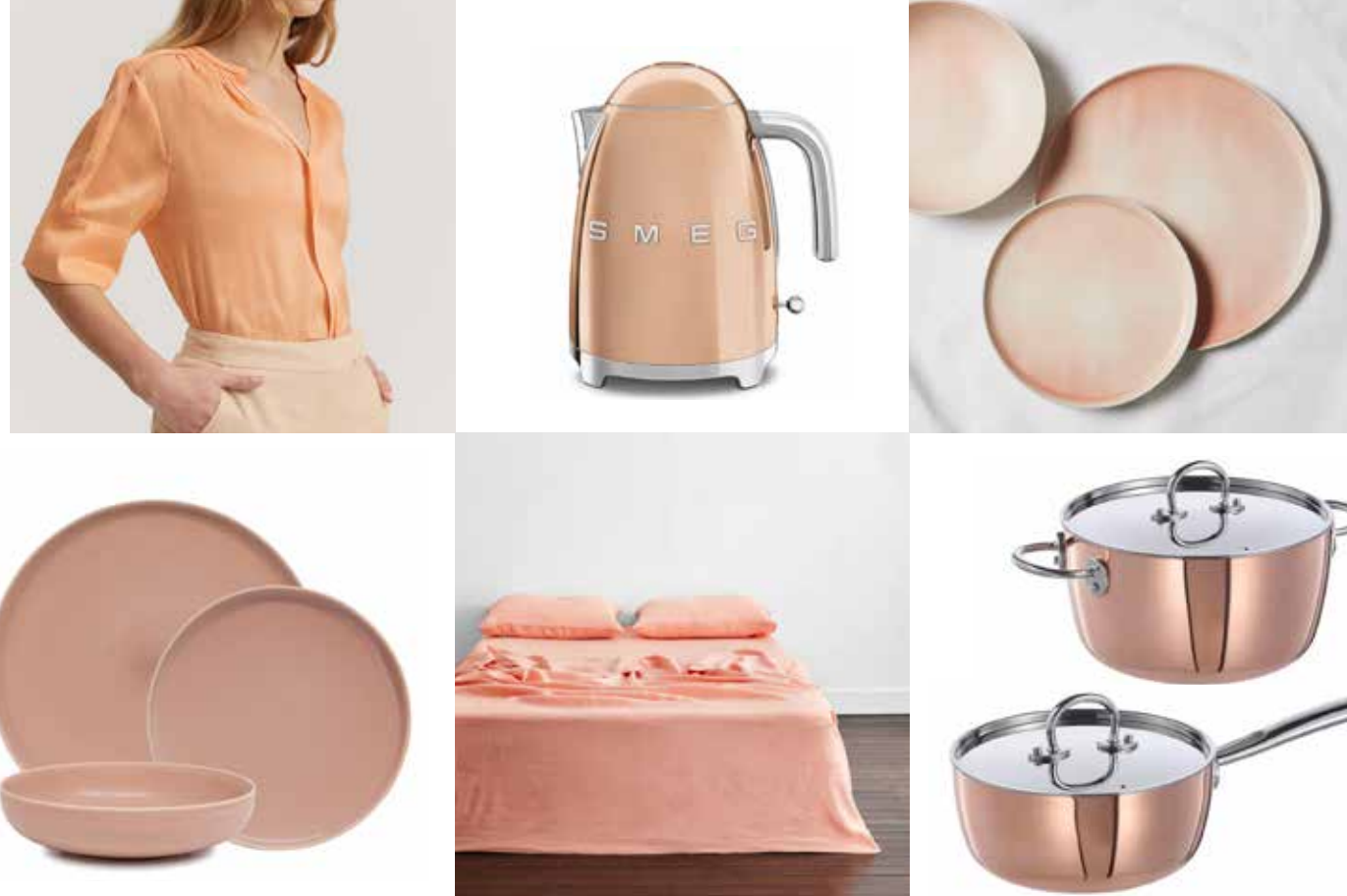
***Pictured above:** Jan Street, our resort's Social Club director, organised a homeowner choir performance just for us at Christmas time. The keen band of singers practised hard for a couple of weeks and then performed at our Christmas lunch and dinner. From all reports, the choir did a wonderful job of spreading some Christmas cheer. Well done to all involved!*



Celebrating our country.

A VERY TRADITIONALLY AUSSIE SHINDIG IS WHAT OUR HOMEOWNERS ENJOYED THIS AUSTRALIA DAY. AND IT WAS GREAT! AUSSIE, AUSSIE, AUSSIE? OI, OI, OI!





Life's a peach.

Did you know the international Pantone Colour Institute dates back 60 years and the ‘Pantone Colour of the Year’ celebrates its 25th birthday in 2024? It’s quite the authority on all things colour. Pantone describes the 2024 Colour of the Year, “Peach fuzz”, as a comforting hue “softly nestled between pink and orange” that was chosen to express a yearning for community and cosiness in uncertain times. A colour whose “all-embracing spirit enriches heart, mind and body”.

“At a time of turmoil in many aspects of our lives, our need for nurturing, empathy and compassion grows ever stronger as does our imaginings of a more peaceful future,” Pantone Colour Institute Vice President Laurie Pressman says. “We are reminded that a vital part of living a full life is having the good health, stamina and strength to enjoy it. That in a world which often emphasizes productivity and external achievements, it is critical we recognise the importance of fostering our inner selves and find moments of respite, creativity and human connection amid the hustle and bustle of modern life.

“As we navigate the present and build toward a new world, we are re-evaluating what is important. Reframing how we want to live, we are expressing ourselves with greater intentionality and consideration. Recalibrating our priorities to align with our internal values, we are focusing on health and wellbeing, both mental and physical, and cherishing what’s special — the warmth and comfort of spending time with friends and family, or simply taking a moment of time to ourselves.

“With that in mind, we wanted to turn to a colour that could focus on the importance of community and coming together with others. The colour we selected to be our Pantone Colour

PANTONE HAS JUST ANNOUNCED ITS COLOUR OF THE YEAR FOR 2024 AND THE WINNER IS... PEACH FUZZ! IT MIGHT BE AN UNUSUAL NAME, BUT WE COULDN'T AGREE MORE WITH THE THEORY BEHIND THIS CHOICE...

of the Year 2024 needed to express our desire to want to be close to those we love and the joy we get when allowing ourselves to tune into who we are and just savour a moment of quiet time alone,” Laurie explains.

“It needed to be a colour whose warm and welcoming embrace conveyed a message of compassion and empathy. One that was nurturing and whose cozy sensibility brought people together and elicited a feeling of tactility. One whose gentle lightness and airy presence lifts us into the future.”

There are many synergies between Pantone’s thinking and Palm Lake Resort’s approach to people and community. We know our homeowners are at a place in their lives where they cherish special human connections and coming together, while also taking important time out for themselves. More and more, Palm Lake Resort homeowners are also putting themselves first and focussing on their health and wellbeing – our facilities and activities lists are supporting this trend now more than ever.

If there’s one reason why you should incorporate some Peach Fuzz into your life in 2024, it’s simply to remind yourselves of all these things Pantone suggests we should hold dear – with community, health and wellbeing at the core.

Clockwise from top left: 1. Country Road ‘Fluid’ linen/silk shirt, \$159, countryroad.com.au **2.** SMEG electric kettle, \$299, appliancesonline.com.au **3.** Kanoko 12-piece dinner set, \$118, saltandpepper.com.au **4.** Finmat 1.5L saucepan with lid, \$90, and 3L pot with lid, \$120, ikea.com.au **5.** Bed Threads 100 per cent French linen duvet cover in ‘peach’, \$196, bedthreads.com.au **6.** Hue 12-piece dinner set, \$99.95, saltandpepper.com.au

Homes for sale.

Home 197: \$659,000

- Beds 2
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Study 1
- Outdoor living
- Garage RV



Balinese inspired

This beautifully presented Azure designed home has two bedrooms, two bathrooms plus a study/activity room or separate dining area. This home is warm and inviting with its beautiful wood laminate floors, new kitchen bench top, new appliances and air conditioners in every room. The indoors all flow out towards the beautiful undercover alfresco area which in turns flows out onto a lovely grassy lawn with tropical Balinese-inspired gardens just perfect for lazy afternoons with the fur babies. There are pull-down shades for extra comfort in summer, and the home also features solar panels and gas hot water.

Home 206: \$530,000

- Beds 2
- Bath 2
- Living 1
- Garage 1.5



Ready for your furniture

This home is currently empty and ready for you to move straight into! It offers a lovely white 2-Pac kitchen and wood flooring throughout the living areas. There are high ceilings and a lovely pendant light. Double doors lead into the master bedroom which features a double mirrored wardrobe, ensuite with double basins and air con. There’s also air con in the front room. The lounge living area flows out to an undercover patio area - all fenced, private and secure. There are also two rainwater tanks down the side of the home.

TURN OVER FOR MORE GREAT HOMES...

Homes for sale.

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YOU CAN ALSO VISIT US ONLINE AT PALMLAKERESORT.COM.AU

Home 183: \$700,000

Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Outdoor living

Garage RV



This beautiful Woodlands design home overlooks one of our internal lakes. It consists of two bedrooms and a study, all with built-in robes. The large main bedroom, with ensuite, is situated at the rear of the home. There are ceiling fans throughout, split system air con and quality blinds. The main living areas are tiled and the kitchen offers 2-Pac kitchen cabinets and drawers, a dishwasher and wall oven.

Home 6: \$695,000

Beds

2+

Bath

2

Living

2

Activity

1

Outdoor living

Garage

2



This sought after Lilly Pilly design home is sure to impress with its large kitchen and open-plan living and dining. There are beautiful white tiles throughout the living areas, muted carpets in the bedrooms, air con in every room, new fans throughout. It all flows out to the full width entertainer's patio that overlooks tropical gardens, complete with wooden raised entertaining area under a large gazebo roof. This home has 12 solar panels and solar hot water.

Home 135: \$720,000

Beds

2+

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Outdoor living

Garage

2+



This delightful Lindeman design home has beautiful lake views, extra parking for the boat or caravan and a drive-through double garage, ideal for golf carts, bikes and general access to the rear of the home. The home features seven solar panels, whirly birds on the roof, solar hot water and has air con in every room. The home features new fans throughout, a large extended kitchen all flowing out to a large under cover all-weather alfresco outdoor area looking out over one of the internal lakes.

Home 116: \$720,000

Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Outdoor living

Garage RV



Beautiful lakeside RV garage home

This gorgeous internal lakeside home is beautifully presented with its open-plan living, 2-pac white kitchen and air conditioning in every room including the study/multi purpose room. There are beautiful floor tiles throughout and carpet in the bedrooms. It features a 6m x 9m RV garage with epoxy floor and internal entry. The guest bathroom has a shower over a bath, and there is a separate large second toilet.

The home flows out onto a covered patio area fitted with pull-down blinds, overlooking the internal lake and also has a covered side patio for a handy extra entertaining area.

Home 190: \$595,000

Beds

2

Bath

2

Living

1

Activity

1

Garage

2



Everything you'll need

This lovely warm home features two large bedrooms and a study. The master bedroom has a lovely feature wall and full size mirrored wardrobe doors and a walk-in ensuite with large shower. Both bedrooms and the main living area have air conditioning. The large open-plan kitchen is 2-pac white with an island bench, perfect for entertaining. Lovely tiles throughout the main living areas. The home features large bathrooms with modern showers and grab rails installed in both bathrooms. With the lovely back garden (offering a large covered patio roof) there is plenty of room for entertaining or creating your own garden retreat.

Over the back fence.

THE PALM LAKE GROUP SPANS 30 RESORT COMMUNITIES ACROSS THREE STATES AND SOME 10,000 PEOPLE CALL PALM LAKE GROUP HOME, SO THERE IS ALWAYS PLENTY OF GOOD NEWS AROUND OUR GROUNDS. IN THIS NEW REGULAR SERIES, WE SHARE WITH YOU SOME STORIES OF WHAT YOUR FELLOW PALM LAKE RESORT 'FAMILY MEMBERS' HAVE BEEN UP TO RECENTLY - WHETHER THEY'RE JOINING FORCES TO DO GOOD IN THE GREATER COMMUNITY OR JOINING FORCES FOR FUN. ACROSS ALL PALM LAKE RESORTS, 'PEOPLE' REALLY IS OUR SUPERPOWER!



Waterford's own toy story.

THERE'S A GROUP OF MODEST WOODWORK ENTHUSIASTS USING THEIR PALM LAKE RESORT WORKSHOP TO GREAT ADVANTAGE.

The aptly named 'Toy Boys' is a band of merry toymakers - akin to Santa's elves - who spend their spare time in their Palm Lake Resort Waterford workshop turning timber into toys for underprivileged kids each Christmas.

Current president Ray Johnstone says the Toy Boys utilise donated timber offcuts and fundraise to purchase other materials from their local Mitre 10 store, which also comes to the party with its own generous donations to the Toy Boys' cause. The Boys spend the whole year manufacturing everything from toy trucks to rocking horses to children's play furniture and then, at Christmas time, they make a donation to Beenleigh Special School and place the rest of their toys under the Mitre 10 Christmas tree as part of its annual appeal.

Ray says the Toy Boys have been making and donating toys for the best part of 15 years. Many hundreds of toys have passed through this resort's workshop on their way to grateful children.

Ray says the Boys were devastated to learn of the passing last week of one of their original members, Jim Blackwood, who was "the backbone" of this incredible group right up until the day he passed.

If you'd like to support the Toy Boys' cause, Mitre 10 and Bunnings gift cards are greatly appreciated, as well as any material donations. For more, phone the Palm Lake Resort Waterford caretakers on 1800 028 428.

Caloundra golfers reign supreme.

FOR THE SECOND SUCCESSIVE YEAR, CALOUNDRA CAY HAS WON THE COVETED PALM LAKE INTER-RESORT GOLF CLASSIC, RETAINING THE PALM LAKE RESORT CUP.

Golfers from Palm Lake Resorts Toowoomba, Cooroy-Noosa, Beachmere Sands, Beachmere Bay, Pelican Waters, Caloundra Cay and Hervey Bay descended on Pelican Waters Golf Course (owned by the Palm Lake Group) for the annual event, with 128 homeowners competing in a four-person Ambrose.

Caloundra Cay retained the trophy won in 2023 when the event was played at Woodford Golf Club and the team of Bernie Reddan, Archie Deans, Ian Ponton and Ray Pickup returned the best score of the day – an impressive nett 55.875.

Head of Golf, Dale Williamson, said it was the biggest field the course had enjoyed since re-opening.

"To have Palm Lake Resort represented by seven resorts and so many homeowners, was encouraging," Dale says. "Hopefully we can have even more of our resorts and homeowners involved next year."

Charitable Cooroy sewers rewarded.

PALM LAKE RESORT COOROY-NOOSA'S UNIFORMS 4 KIDS SEWERS ARE BEYOND HAPPY WITH A SET OF BRAND NEW SEWING MACHINES PAID FOR BY BENDIGO BANK, VIA THE LOCAL HERO AWARDS.



Uniforms 4 Kids (U4K) is a dedicated charity that sees sewers produce children's clothing items from old uniforms donated by the Police, Border Force, Flying Doctors, Fire Service, Ambulance Service, Australia Zoo and more. The clothing produced by these dedicated sewing enthusiasts is donated to underprivileged children in need. But the benefits don't stop there. The pre-loved uniforms would have otherwise gone into landfill but instead, our environment benefits and many underprivileged children are clothed and happier.

The pioneer and founder of U4K is Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa homeowner Yvonne Pattinson OAM.

One day, Yvonne wanted to clean out a cupboard crowded with material collected over a lifetime of sewing. She decided to turn that fabric into children's clothing that a friend of Yvonne's wanted to donate to an orphanage she supported in Asia. In stepped Yvonne's daughter, Debbie Platz (then a Queensland Police officer), who pointed out there were many underprivileged children right here in Australia who needed clothing and why not use the police uniforms she and her colleagues had to discard? U4K was officially born.

U4K sewers exist in groups spanning Cooktown to Canberra and have made a total of almost 30,000 items of clothing for children in need since the charity began - what an incredible effort!

U4K sewers have also made lasting friendships and have a new purpose in life through their volunteer work with this charity. Not to mention the positive effect U4K has in bringing emergency services and local communities together in those areas where a U4K group operates.

The U4K ladies of Palm Lake Resort Cooroy-Noosa (pictured above) were rewarded by Bendigo Bank recently with a donation of brand new sewing machines to enable them to continue their good work. Congratulations to you all - you make us proud!

Maybe you can start a U4K group with your Palm Lake Resort friends? Visit www.uniforms4kids.com.au

Tea Gardens' jam-packed day.

FORGET TURNING LEMONS IN LEMONADE - A GROUP OF PASSIONATE PALM LAKE RESORT TEA GARDENS RESIDENTS ARE TURNING THEIR RESORT CUMQUATS INTO DELICIOUS JAM FOR ALL TO ENJOY.

Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens is filled with many fruit-bearing cumquat trees - some on resort grounds but many in the residents' own backyards. Noticing this, a band of enthusiastic jam-lovers came together and the annual PLR Cumquat Jam Production Day was born. One resident spent a year collecting, washing, de-labelling and storing hundreds of jars. Others organised the donation of masses of sugar and the collection of all the required cooking utensils. The resort's Bowls Club kitchen was booked, and dozens of residents arrived early on the day to form teams, washing, cutting and weighing fruit and sugar, sterilising jars and lids, cooking the jam, then bottling and labelling it. Of course, a community event like this would not be a Palm Lake Resort event if there wasn't a morning tea shared and a few glasses of bubbles later in the day! By 7pm, the job was done. Some 38kg of fruit (all grown around the Palm Lake Resort Tea Gardens grounds) and 38kg of sugar produced more than 200 jars of jam. What a wonderful community initiative - and a delicious result!



What's happening over your back fence?

Has your resort got a warm and fuzzy "Over the back fence" story to share with the greater Palm Lake Resort community? Email the details to belinda@bellepr.com

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